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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SENATOR CLARK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (CLARK, DICK)

SUBJ: CODEL CLARK

1. SENATOR CLARK ASKS THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE PASSED TO KAREN STUCK, PETE SMITH AND BOB MILLER IN HIS OFFICE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO : (A) PASS ALL OF THE MESSAGE GIVEN BELOW TO THE PRESS AT ONCE; (B) PASS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER; (C) PASS TO RICHARD MOOSE, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVIDE TEXT TO ANTHONY LAKE; AND (D) PASS TO PAT HOLT, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

2. QUOTE I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A WIRE SERVICE STORY ORIGINATING FROM DAR WHICH APPEARED IN THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY GREATLY DISTORTS MY POSITION ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION.

3. QUOTE I HAVE NOT ADVOCATED THAT THE UNITED STATES OR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION SEND TROOPS OR MATERIAL IN SUPPORT OF AN ARMED STRUGGLE IN RHODESIA AS THE WIRE STORY IMPLIES. I HAVE CONSISTENTLY STATED MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

4. QUOTE I AM CONVINCED THAT AN ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD HAVE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WOULD ENDANGER WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY.

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5. QUOTE I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE AS UNWISE FOR THE UNITED STATES

TO BECOME MILITARILY INVOLVED AS IT WAS IN ANGOLA.

7. QUOTE I DO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN PLAY A USEFUL DIPLOMATIC ROLE IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

8. QUOTE THE EMPHASIS OF MY POSITION HAS BEEN ON THE NECESSITY FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

9. QUOTE I DID SAY THAT IF ALL NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL HAVE NO RECOURSE BUT TO CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, JUST AS WE DID 200 YEARS AGO.

10. QUOTE I HAVE INSISTED THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SHOULD BE DIPLOMATIC RATHER THAN MILITARY.

11. QUOTE FOLLOWING IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF WHAT I SAID AT AN AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, WHICH REFLECTS MY TRUE POSITION, AND WAS PRINTED ON FRONT-PAGE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL NOVEMBER 11:

HEADLINE "UK MUST RUN THE SHOW IN RHODESIA."

SUBHEAD "U.S. SENATOR BACKS FRONTLINERS' DEMANDS."

"A LEADING AMERICAN SENATOR HAS BACKED FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS DEMANDS THAT BRITAIN SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE UP ITS FULL COLONIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN RHODESIA AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE IN THAT TROUBLED COUNTRY."

"SENATOR DICK CLARK, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INFLUENTIAL US SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, SAID THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL AT THIS STAGE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESUME THIS LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE MAJORITY.

"SPEAKING DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON ARRIVAL AT LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT YESTERDAY, SENATOR CLARK SAID THE GENEVA CONFERENCE MUST JUST SUCCEED BECAUSE IT LOOKS IT IS THE LAST HOPE OF AVOIDING A BLOODBATH IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

"THE SENATOR WHO IS HERE FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT AFRICA, PARTICULARLY

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THE FRONTLINE STATES, MUST NOW RENDER FULL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO BRITAIN IN ORDER TO HELP HER PLAY HER ROLE IN THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

"IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, HE SAID, THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BE ACHIEVED BECAUSE IF THIS FAILS, THERE IS NO WAY OF AVOIDING A BLOODY WAR WHICH WILL ENGROSS ALL THOSE IN ZIMBABWE.

"ON ZIMBABWE, MR. CLARK SAID AMERICA S ROLE WAS TO GET ALL PARTIES INVOLVED TOGETHER AND AROUND A NEGOTIATING TABLE AND THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

"IT WAS NOW FOR BRITAIN TO TAKE UP ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND ITS LEGAL POWERS WHICH AFRICA RECOGNIZES AND ENSURE THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE WAS REACHED, HE SAID.

"HE ADDED THAT TO DO THIS BRITAIN WILL NEED SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM AFRICA, FRONTLINE STATES IN PARTICULAR, TO HELP IT TAKE THIS DIFFICULT TASK.

"BRITAIN HAS RATHER BEEN RELUCTANT TO PLAY HER FULL ROLE IN RESPECT OF ZIMBABWE BECAUSE SHE REALIZES THAT IT IS A DIFFICULT TASK, HE SAID ADDING: 'IF THERE IS TO BE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BRITAIN HAS TO PLAY ITS FULL ROLE.'

"HE WARNED THAT IF THE CURRENT SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, ZIMBABWEANS WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RESORT TO INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE.

"SENATOR CLARK PAID TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR THE ROLE THAT HE HAS PLAYED IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM.

"HE SAID DR. KAUNDA HAD ALL ALONG BEEN TRYING TO GET A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT REACHED IN ZIMBABWE AND THE REST OF SOUTH AFRICA BUT HE WAS ALSO BEING FRUSTRATED.

"ON THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN THE REVIVED RIGHTS BETWEEN THE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA AND UNITA AND FNLA, THE AMERICAN SENATOR SAID HIS COUNTRY WAS NATURALLY CONCERNED WITH CUBAN PRESENCE AND ITS INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA.

"HE, HOWEVER, SAID THE MAIN ISSUE AND AMERICA S CONCERN WAS TO GET A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FIRST.

"WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE BLINDED BY THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA , HE SAID.

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ZHE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF AFRICA IS TO AVOID SUPERPOWERS, IT SHOULD FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE THREE MAJOR PROBLEMS EXISTING IN THE CONTINENT, NAMELY, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

"SENATOR CLARK LEAVES FOR AMERICA (SIC) TOMORROW AND HOPES TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND OTHER PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUE.

"HE SAID DR. KAUNDA WAS A KEY IN REGARD TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION IN AFRICA AND HE FELT THAT HE SHOULD CALL UPON HIM SO THAT HE CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION.

"MR. CLARK HAS ALREADY BEEN TO GENEVA WHERE HE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS PARTIES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE AND HAS ALSO BEEN TO TANZANIA THERE HE HAD

DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE.

"HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY MR. STEPHEN LOW,
THE US AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA AND ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS."
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